



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Mahalingham et al.  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003, the period for response having been extended by one month to December 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application according to the following:

The section entitled "Amendments to the Claims" begins at page 2.

The section entitled "Remarks" begins at page 8.